

NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

City shaken by 3.1 tremor

By SUSAN LORIMOR
MISSOURIAN STAFF

While most students were enjoying their normal Friday night activities, an earthquake came and left without warning. In fact, many students were unaware it occurred.

What is being called a minor earthquake shook Nodaway County at 11:54 p.m. Friday. The short-lived quake measured 3.1 on the Richter scale, with the epicenter located 10 miles north of Maryville.

The quake did not produce much more than a static background, Dwight Maxwell, professor of geology/geography, said. He compared the shaking of the quake to that of the movement created by a train, as it would shake a nearby home.

"An earthquake is not big until it is a seven on the Richter scale," Maxwell said. "For example, the earthquake that happened a month ago in Japan measured 7.1 to 7.2. At levels like that,

it is called a big quake."

Maxwell explained the Richter scale as not being arithmetic, with slight changes being significant. Thus, it is slightly about a 3.1 that damages will begin to occur.

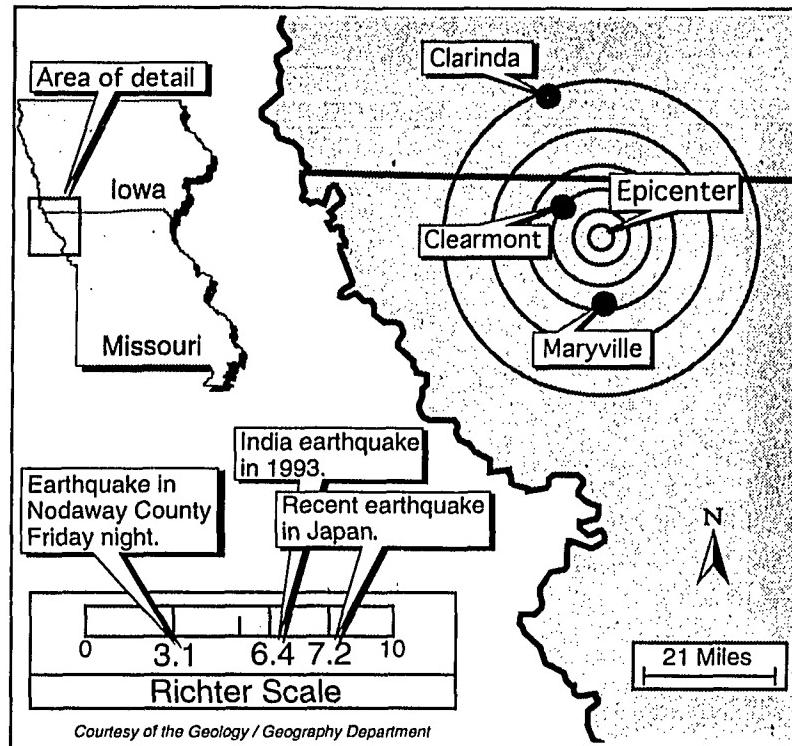
However, damages were not reported, and the quake was left undetected by many. Maxwell said that was the case in his classes on Monday.

"When I asked a class about the earthquake, only 10-15 percent even detected anything," he said.

Diane Yont is one student who did detect the quake, but did not know what it was until the next morning.

"When I went to get my hair cut on Saturday, I was asked if I felt the tremor," Yont said. "But I didn't really believe it until I heard it on the radio (later that day)."

Yont said she was sleeping when the ground trembled, but woke up because she thought something fell in the kitchen.



CHRIS CHAPPELL/Missourian Staff

"At first I thought it was the dog, but then I realized he was laying in the bed," she said. "It scared me because I thought someone was in the house. In the morning, I realized nothing fell at all."

Like other students, Yont never thought an earthquake would happen in Maryville.

"I didn't think something like this

would happen in the 'Ville,' she said.

"It really surprised me."

Maxwell said that in the years he has taught at Northwest, he does not ever remember feeling an earthquake in Maryville. However, he has experienced tremors in Kansas City, Mo.

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Community group opposes prison site

By CHRIS TRIEB SCH
CHIEF REPORTER

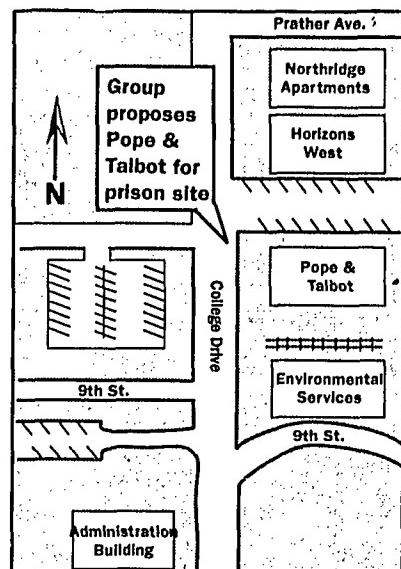
While the debate continues over a possible prison at the former Mount Alverno convent, a new group has organized to oppose the prison.

Residents for Quality Living was organized a couple weeks ago to look into the issue and come up with alternatives. The group meets at 7 p.m. Mondays in the Nodaway-Worth Electric Co-op building located directly south of Mount Alverno convent. Members have already met twice.

The group is currently working on letter-writing and telephone campaigns. There are seven members on the core committee of the organization.

Some of those opposed to the prison are skeptical about the truthfulness of what some proponents say. Some are afraid the prison could turn into maximum security and also that former inmates will make a home in Maryville.

Kathleen Goerlitz, a member of Residents for Quality Living, told the group that locating the prison in the



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building that once housed the Pope and Talbot diaper factory would be a "perfect alternative." That building is located about one-half block northeast of the University.

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VPAA candidate to assume duties following break

Tim Gilmour to live in Phillips Hall when he arrives in March, said he will find major issues

By CHRIS TRIEB SCH
CHIEF REPORTER



Preparations are in full swing for the arrival of the new vice president for Academic Affairs after mid-semester break.

The arrival date for Tim Gilmour, recommended VPAA, has been decided and set for immediately after mid-semester break.

University President Dean Hubbard said Gilmour will stay in a specially accommodated guestroom of Phillips Hall for the remainder of the semester.

Gilmour said his wife will move to Maryville sometime after his daughter graduates from high school and leaves for college.

They have yet to buy a house in town, but Gilmour said they are looking forward to living in Maryville.

Besides settling in the community, becoming familiar with the University's faculty and staff is one of his first priorities.

"The first thing I will do is to get around to the departments and meet the various groups and find out what the major issues are," Gilmour said. "(After that) my focus will be set by Hubbard."

However, uncertainty lies in what tasks Gilmour will assume immediately after he arrives.

"The president has identified many issues, but I am sure others will need to be addressed," he said.

Gilmour said student input is important, and he will welcome student opinions when he arrives on campus.

"I do not know what the established method of input is," he said. "But I think student input is important, especially if we are going to try for the Baldridge (Quality Award)."

Gilmour said he has not discussed the formalities with Hubbard on what kind of leadership style would be best suited to the position, but said it would have to coincide with the empowerment of faculty teams.

"By necessity, with the new governance structure, it will be a style of empowerment of the deans and faculty," Gilmour said. "(My part) will be in helping the units to reach the objectives that they, in a large part, will set."

Gilmour still awaits approval by the Board of Regents.

Dave Gieseke, director of news and information, said Gilmour would have no problem getting approved.

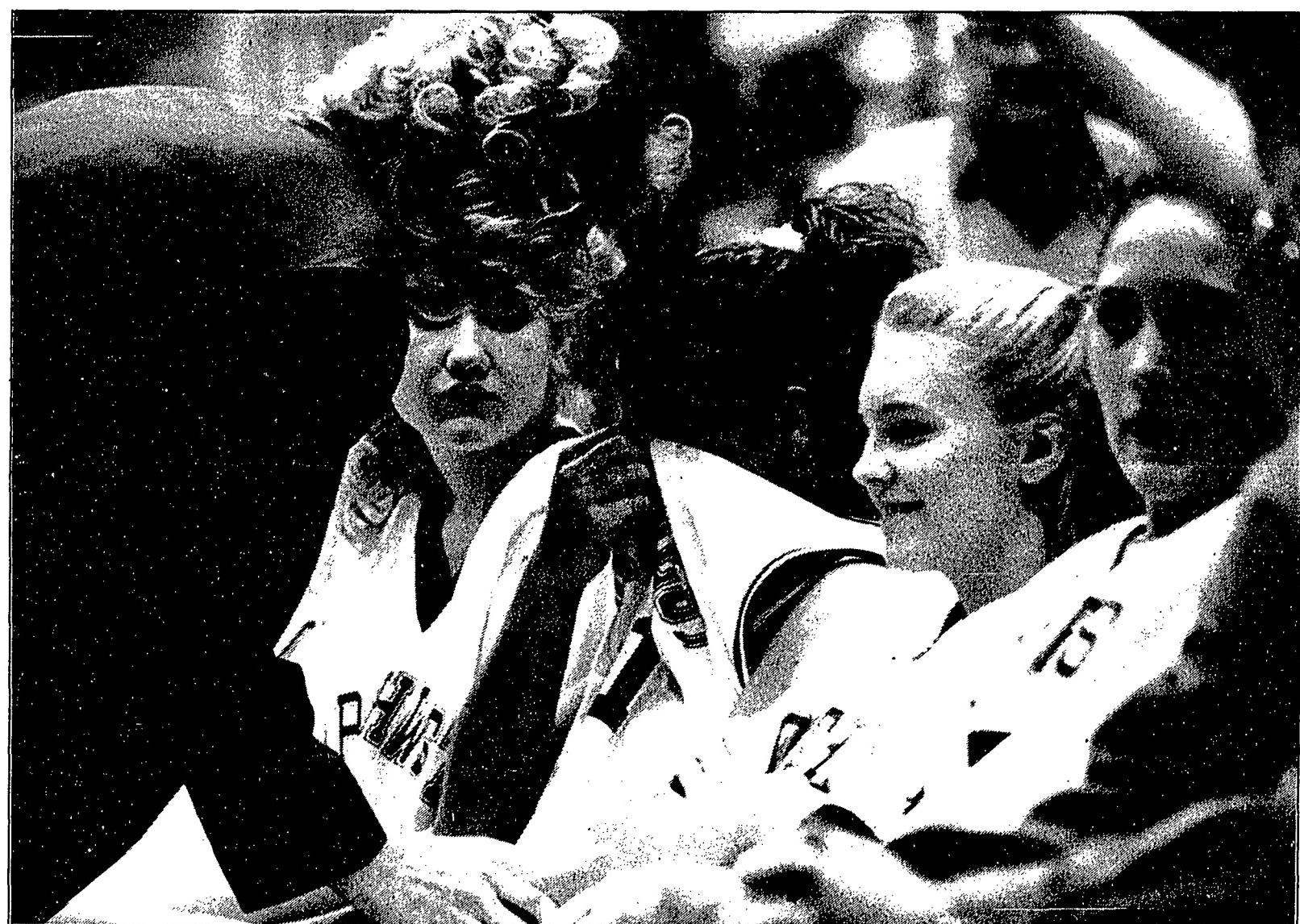
He said the Board usually approves the recommended people.

It is still unknown when the Board will approve the recommendation and whether members will want a conference call to speak with Gilmour before making the decision.

The Board had previously given Hubbard the power to choose someone for the position.

Gilmour and Hubbard both said they are excited about Gilmour's arrival.

Hubbard joked that the residents of Phillips Hall would have to be on their best behavior after Gilmour's arrival to campus.



ASSISTANT COACH CHRISTY Prather comforts sophomore basketball forward Sandy Ickes after Ickes committed a foul on University of Missouri Rolla's Tobi Rees. The foul allowed UMR to shoot a free throw, giving the Lady Miners the one-point victory.

CHRIS TUCKER/Contributing Photographer

Crazy finish to UMR contest leaves Bearcats upset

Lack of technical foul hurts 'Cats; commissioner says referees at fault for ruling

By COLIN MCDONOUGH
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Controversy marked a wild finish to Saturday's game against the University of Missouri-Rolla Miners, which Northwest lost, 66-65.

A baseball-pass, intended for junior forward Julia Oertel, was intercepted by the Miners' Tobi Rees and time appeared to have expired.

But referee Jim Newman signaled a foul against 'Cats' sophomore forward Sandi Ickes as time expired.

Rees went to the line and drilled the first free throw of a one-and-one. Then things got messy.

Several UMR players ran onto the floor to celebrate their apparent win, but the UMR coaching staff cleared the players from the court so the final free throw could be taken.

Wayne Winstead, Bearcat women's head coach, already unhappy with Ickes' foul, was driven over the edge because he believed a technical foul should have been called on UMR for leaving the bench and coming onto the floor before the game had ended.

Winstead said he talked to Ken Jones, MIAA commissioner, and Ron Zetcher, co-director of officials in the MIAA, after the game to see what they thought should have happened.

"(Jones and Zetcher) said the referees messed up on the final free throw, and we should have gotten two free throws," Winstead said. "However, there is no recourse for protest in the MIAA."

Jones said referees committed an error, but it could not be corrected because the referees had already left the court.

"It is just an unfortunate situation because the referees were in error when they administered the free throws," Jones said. "The Missouri-Rolla bench should have received a technical."

However, Bill Lowe, the other co-director of officials, said on Monday that he did not want to add anything to what the others said to Winstead.

"I feel it would not be appropriate to comment at this time about the game," Lowe said.

After contacting both of the game referees, Newman and Dick Mellencamp both declined to comment on the incident.

They claimed the commissioner had instructed both of them not to "officially" comment on the matter.

Junior forward Amy Krohn was also displeased with the way the final seconds transpired for the Bearcats.

"We got ripped," she said. "We can turn it into a positive though. It proved that we can play with anybody."

Oertel echoed her teammate's sentiment that the negative could be used to the Bearcat's advantage.

"It was a bummer, but there is nothing we can do about it," she said. "We've proven to ourselves that we can (play with anybody)."

The game especially hurt the Bearcats because a UMR victory would put the 'Cats into an eighth-place tie with the Northeast Missouri State University Bulldogs. Only the top 8 teams are able to play in the post-season tournament.

"We are probably going to need three more wins to get into the tournament," Winstead said.

Local landlord requests new zoning classification

By APRIL BURGE
MISSOURIAN STAFF

A dispute that could determine the amount of future off-campus housing erupted suddenly Monday night at the Maryville City Council meeting.

Karl Wolbert, a local landlord to many off-campus students at Northwest, requested that the zoning classification for one of his homes be changed in order to make it viable for him to rent to off-campus students.

Wolbert officially asked the Council to change his property from an RII zoning to a CI classification. This would enable him to turn single-family homes into duplexes and apartments. Wolbert has done this in the past with other properties in that area.

Wolbert's petition was met with a volatile assembly of opposition from area residents. Neighbors of Wolbert's properties, which house University students, maintained that his renters force property values down and are not beneficial to the community.

"Karl isn't there to hear the noise the students create that comes from his apartments," resident Linda Duggan said.

The area in question, Sixth and Vine streets, is immersed in a vast number of off-campus student housing. Wolbert owns a majority of the rental property in that vicinity.

"If I can't get a CI rating, I can't make it into a rental," Wolbert said. "If I can't get this, the property won't be worth much."

Neighbors relentlessly vaulted numerous verbal assaults at Wolbert throughout the proceedings.

"I won't compromise," neighbor Phillip Duggan said. "I've had enough of Wolbert's renters because they don't take care of property that isn't their own."

The Council believed that more time was needed to research Wolbert's proposal. The group delayed a judgment on the request until its next meeting.

The decision of the Council may act as a precedent to other situations like this in the future. A denial of Wolbert's request may be detrimental to the future amount of off-campus student housing.

In other business, the Council delayed a public hearing on the over-under ordinance that was initially set for March 6. The hearing is now set for March 20.

"I've had enough of Wolbert's renters because they don't take care of property that isn't their own."

Phillip Duggan
Neighbor

OUR VIEW

Abortion should not be an issue in Foster's nomination

Abortion has become the measuring stick by which leaders are judged. Henry Foster, President Clinton's nomination for Surgeon General, has been banged over the head with this lightning rod for little reason.

Foster is an obstetrician-gynecologist and the acting head of Meharry Medical College in Memphis, Tenn. Clinton chose the man, who supervised a Nashville program that sought to delay teen sexual activity through a variety of ways, in order to concentrate on finding ways to decrease the number of teenage pregnancies every year.

Abortion activists are in a fury because the doctor has performed 39 abortions. Why the uproar? His critics are now saying it is because he was not honest about the number in the beginning. Originally, he said he had not done more than 12 abortions. Further investigation revealed he had done more than three times that amount.

The controversy is ridiculous. Rather than pro-

testing 39 abortions he has done in his 37-year medical career, people should be focusing on his efforts to stop these unwanted pregnancies from happening in the first place.

Abortion activists say abortion is being used as birth control, yet they put down a man who wants teenagers to abstain from sex, at least until they are old enough to know what a condom is and how to use it.

It is a study in contradictions and comes down to the age-old question that may never be answered.

Is abortion murder? Debate after debate has argued this and still the question remains at large. However, this question has no place in deciding whether or not Foster is qualified for the job.

A surgeon general protects the health of America under the watchful eye of the Cabinet, the press and citizens. To say that Foster would actually continue performing abortions is ludicrous. Most of all, it is beside the point.

Editorials and cartoons express the views of the Northwest Missourian. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists and readers.

Many "good" men have done things that would not be approved of by the public today. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson had slaves yet when they assumed the commanding position, did anyone say they could not represent all of America equally and fairly?

Abortion is not slavery, though. It is legal in most states and certainly in Tennessee where Foster performed them. Had Foster broken the law, then people could judge him as being unlawful and inappropriate for such a high position.

As it is, he performed abortions legally and without the use of a coat hanger. He did not have to be in the closet about performing abortions, because he was not doing anything wrong.

Judge a man by his intentions. Foster has intentions that most Americans can agree with: the desire to stop teenage pregnancies. He is not out to kill children; he is out to save them. Isn't that what everyone wants from a Surgeon General?

CAMPUS VOICE

Should Congress get involved in the baseball labor strike?

"No, I don't think they should because it's not their business what baseball does."

Mark Sutton



"I don't think Congress should get involved because the baseball people need to get it straight and figure it out for themselves."

Todd Leonard



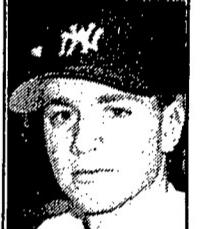
"No, Congress shouldn't because if the players can't figure it out for themselves, they don't need the money and they should just go bankrupt anyway."

Carolyn Golgen



"I think they should all quit their bitching and get out there and play."

Brad Skriver

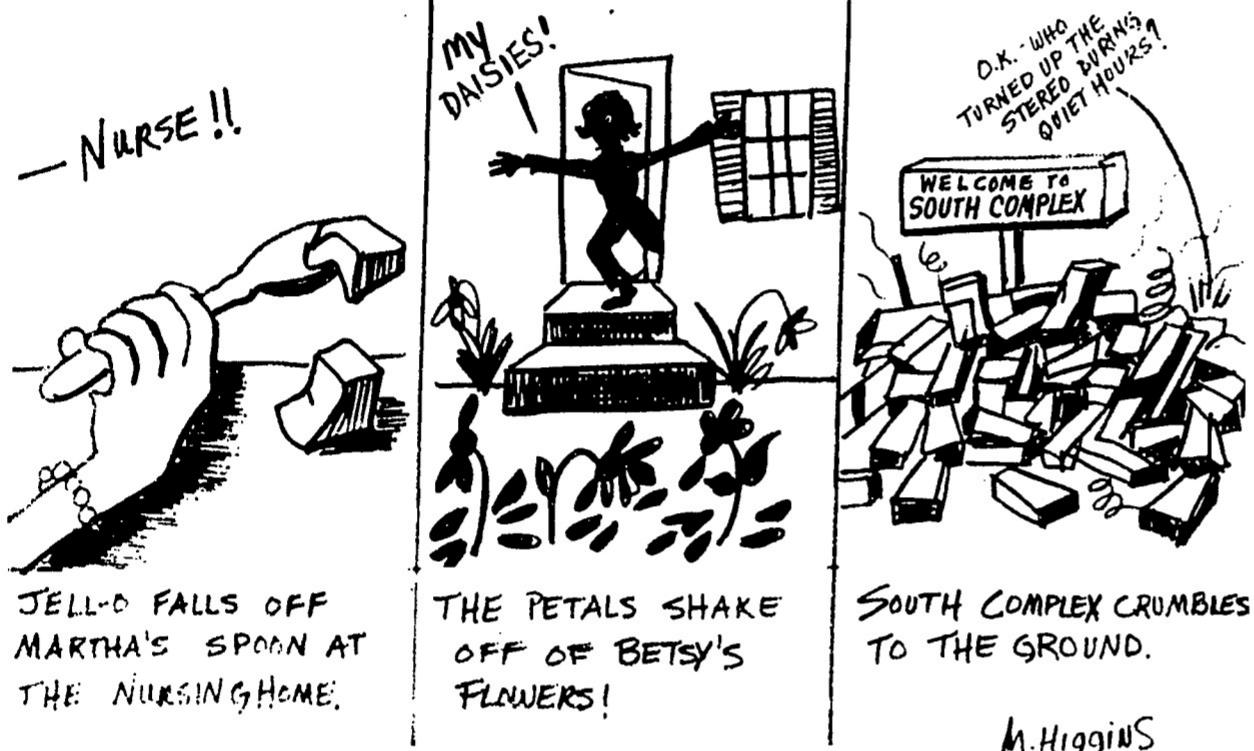


"I don't think they should because they make too much money anyway, and they should just be paid a minimum salary. If they don't like that, they can go get a different job."

Jill Heisterkamp



MARYVILLE EARTHQUAKE: the aftermath!



MY TURN

Choose practical gift over cuddly one



Regina Bruntmeyer
Associate Editor

Footballs beat stuffed animals any holiday

Valentine's Day is met with both cheers and jeers, and many students are probably glad it's now in the past for another year.

The day usually begins with nervous anticipation of what is to come although I am not sure why.

I can't decide whether it's the gift that mattered most to me or just being able to say that I was one of the lucky ones who received a present.

Of course, we have to take into consideration all the threats and huge hints I passed along to my "sensitive and romantic" boyfriend, Neil.

"Hey honey! Don't forget about Valentine's Day," I said a million times before the "big day."

Well, Neil did good this year. I got the cutest teddy bear ever and a card that summed up his personality to a tee.

I had wanted to buy him the softest, cutest, cuddly bear, but to be honest, Neil is more into guns and computers than anything warm and fuzzy.

I wonder where women get the idea

that men want soft cuddly things, too. Perhaps once or twice it would be a good choice, but most of the men I have dated do not collect teddy bears.

I bought Neil the cutest stuffed gorilla last year and he said, "That's really nice, honey."

I think to a point he was pleased, but this year I bought him a football.

The first thing he said was, "Honey, why don't you go out for a pass?"

After I pointed out that he had already broken one window in his house, he decided that was not the best idea after all.

I was rather impressed with myself for coming up with this idea for several reasons.

First of all, he is a football fanatic and does not even have a ball.

Then I remembered a while back when we visited his parents in Kansas City, Mo., and his father and he had great fun tossing the old ball around.

Of course, I could not pass it up when I thought of all the fun we could

have in the spring throwing the football back and forth.

I could not imagine us spending lots of quality time together because of a stuffed animal or box of candy, so I decided to buy the less romantic gift for the anticipated fun it can bring us.

Now wouldn't it have been romantic if he would have thought of buying me a football, so we could spend sunny days in the park tossing the ball around after we enjoyed the picnic lunch he prepared himself?

Yes, now I am back into the fantasy world that surrounds Valentine's Day.

Through my whole experience, I realized that maybe men don't become excited over the same things as women, so they really do have a hard time finding the perfect gift.

And maybe women should probe to find a gift that pleasantly surprises their men.

I hope Neil really enjoys his football because every time I look at my bear or think of it, I smile and think of him.

VOICE IN THE CROWD

Squirrels brighten up campus with wisdom



Mac Tonnes
Columnist

Friendly rodents provide pleasant addition to Northwest

One of the best reasons for attending Northwest isn't even on the brochures. I'm referring to the campus' squirrel population.

Anyone who hasn't enjoyed the squirrels' rodental antics is missing out. Squirrels behave like spastic cartoon animals, scampering around as if trying to overcome near-lethal doses of amphetamines.

I began appreciating Northwest's squirrels early first semester, when I realized that unlike their urban counterparts, Northwest's squirrels are unusually tolerant.

They regard the student body without the slightest evidence of fear. We and the squirrels have formed an unspoken truce.

My admiration for squirrels is strange in the sense that I'm not a traditional "nature lover."

Maybe my appreciation comes from the fact that I live in the fourth floor of Phillips Hall; sometimes it can be difficult deciding which species is more intelligent.

The latter is especially true when, startled by my presence, a squirrel jumps into a tree and stares me directly in the eyes.

The sensation is pleasurable creepy — I'm being scrutinized by an intellect no larger than the nuts that litter the campus, and yet I sense a distinct wisdom.

What is the squirrel thinking? What does he think of me: a gawky humanoid with a scuffed denim jacket and a shamefully ridiculous haircut (see by-line photo)?

No matter what the squirrels think of me, I feel raw, unmitigated respect ... maybe even a vague kinship. After

all, I tend to hibernate on weekends. Plus, I spend a large quantity of funds on buying nuts from vending machines.

Perhaps the squirrels reflect the longing for the control characteristic of college students — they are omniscient. No matter where one goes on campus, the squirrels are there, peeking from treetops, patiently assessing the flux of humanity in front of the Administration Building and the Student Union.

These squirrels elicit a kind of wonder. What are their plans, assuming they have any apart from their incessant acrobatics and nut-searching? There has to be an agenda festering behind their unassuming gazes. Plans to take over, overthrow the Student Senate with poison-tipped acorns?

Or maybe they are content to watch us, in all of our pompous human insanity. The stories they will tell...

BARKER'S BITES

Weekly cheers and jeers by Derrick Barker.

Jeers to Maryville motorists who continue to roam the streets with only one working headlight. Be on the lookout for severe white trash road conditions on Main Street, folks.

Cheers to Georgia Tech's Tim Gilmour for accepting the nomination for the vice president for Academic Affairs position. He's also taking residence in Phillips Hall. Be sure to ask him if he considers his home a dorm or a residence hall.

Jeers to prison proponents for accusing those concerned about the location of the proposed prison site of suffering from the Not-In-My-Backyard syndrome. Please, let's get one thing straight: Mount Alverno is not in Maryville's backyard.

Cheers to Government Professor George English and Northwest student Tim Rickabaugh for racking up enough votes to win the primary City Council election. If all goes well in the general elections in April, more than 6,000 of Maryville's residents may finally have some true representation in the City Council.

Cheers to "Forrest Gump" for its Oscar nominations. Life really is like a box of chocolates.

Jeers to the referees for refusing to call a technical foul against University of Missouri-Rolla at the women's basketball game Saturday. The UMR players jumped out of their seats and onto the court before the game was officially over, which most likely cost the Bearcats a win. So much for home-court advantage.

Cheers to Newt Gingrich and Dan Quayle for deciding not to enter the 1996 presidential race. It seems as though Republican ego can only go so far. Then again, Bob Dole's still in the running. Please, just because Ronald Reagan was popular doesn't mean an old fart will when in '96.

Jeers to House Majority Leader Dick Armey for calling Rep. Barney Frank a "fag" a few weeks ago on the House floor. He said it was just a mispronunciation. "I had trouble with alliteration," Armey said. "I was stumbling, mumbling ..." Well, I'm sure people have mumbled more than a few choice words about you, too ... Dick.

Jeers to the White House and Congress for getting involved in the baseball strike. They can pass all the bills they want, but it won't appease the kind of people who walk out on a job that pays over \$50,000 an hour.

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Zero tolerance targets minors

Legislation would make any blood-alcohol level illegal for young drivers

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Passing a breathalyzer test soon may become harder than it is today if the state approves zero tolerance legislation.

The legislation would make any amount of alcohol in the body of a driver under age 21 illegal.

The national death toll for alcohol-related crashes for 16- to 20-year-old drivers last year was more than 7,000, according to the Missouri Division of Highway Safety.

That statistic is reason enough for MDHS to support current state legislation known as zero tolerance.

Four bills are now in committee hearings in the state legislature which allow the provision of zero tolerance. Senate bills 42 and 94, and House bills 71 and 252.

Dan Needham, highway director, said zero tolerance laws prove promising for the future of Missouri drivers, based on national studies.

In Missouri, Needham said, 7 percent of licensed drivers are under age 21, yet they account for 24 percent of fatal traffic crashes.

Nationwide, 47 percent of the 1991 traffic fatalities involving 16- to 20-year-olds were alcohol-related, he said.

"Yet studies on zero tolerance laws show us that states have reduced these figures by as much as 14 percent," Needham said.

As of July 1994, 19 states and the District of Columbia established blood-alcohol concentration levels of .02 or lower for drivers under 21, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Missouri's blood-alcohol concentration level stands at .10.

Keith Wood, Maryville Public Safety director, said the passage of the legislation would be a "very good move by the legislature."

Last year, Wood said, Maryville police made an estimated 100 driving-while-intoxicated arrests.

But for every one person of that estimate, he added, four people whose alcohol impairment level failed to reach arrest level were released after testing.

"There is a big problem here, but not unlike other areas," Wood said. "But the ratio of young drivers here is greater than in other areas."

On a given night, several arrests can be made on alcohol-related driving offenses, he said.

"Anything we can do to get the impaired driver off the road would be a good move," he said.

Ben Espy, Nodaway County sheriff, also backed the legislation.

"That would be a good bill to pass," Espy said. "They (minors) are not old enough to buy, so they are not old enough to drink."

"It would give us something to enforce it (minors driving under the influence) with," he said.

Espy said the bill would also contribute to enforcement during bars' over/under nights.

"If it saves one person's life, I like it," he said.

An ordinance prohibiting minors in the bars, along with the legislation, would more effectively combat the issue than zero tolerance legislation alone, he said.

Trevor Short, who is not a minor, said if a minor was pulled over with one beer in his or her system, they should still be arrested.

"I agree with it because you shouldn't drink or drive anyway, no matter what," Short said.

Believing...

Most of us take it for granted. We just do it, whether it's trusting that the sun will come up tomorrow, that the lunch we are about to eat is not poisoned or that our religious beliefs are not ill-founded.

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"Odd Couple"



CHRISTY SPAGNA/Photography Director

MEMBERS OF OSCAR'S, Dain Johnston's, poker game console Felix, Jeffrey Stringer, after Felix's wife, Francis, tells him she wants a divorce. The "Odd Couple" will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Washington Middle School.

Councilman hits jackpot

By LONELLE R. RATHJE
ASSISTANT EDITOR

With a one in 576,000 chance, a Maryville City Councilman strutted away with \$25,000 from the Missouri Lottery Saturday.

Nancy Louvon, manager of King Super Store at 1105 S. Main St., said Bob Huffman won his cash on a \$2 Jumbo Bucks instant ticket Saturday afternoon.

Huffman, who has been playing the lottery since it was first offered, said he validated his winning ticket at Missouri Lottery's branch office in Independence, Mo., Tuesday.

He then returned to Maryville several thousand dollars richer.

"You don't believe it at first, and then you go into cardiac arrest," Huffman said. "It takes a little while to soak in."

But soak in it did.

Huffman will spend the cash on his first priority: bills. "I should be out of debt by the end of the week," he said.

Huffman is not new to cashing in winning tickets. Last December, the veteran winner walked off with \$1,000 on Jumbo Bucks from the Pit Stop on Seventh and Main streets.

In 1994, the county boasted \$408,502 of cashed-in winnings, a Missouri Lottery spokeswoman said.

Northeast proposes university name change

By CHRIS TRIEB SCH
CHIEF REPORTER

Northeast Missouri State University could become Truman State University if the Missouri General Assembly approves a name change bill.

Despite many who did not support the name change, the Northeast Board of Governors voted to petition for the name change.

"It originated with the Board of Governors," said Melissa Hohertz, news editor for the *Index*, the campus newspaper at Northeast. "The idea has been tossed around for some time, and they hired a committee to come up with a top 10 list."

The university conducted a campus survey in which the No. 1 response was to not change the name. The second highest response was to change

the name to Truman State University. Another idea was naming it Baldwin University after its first president.

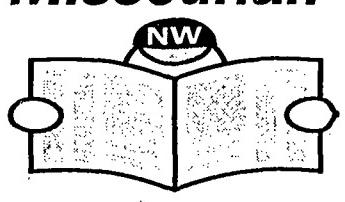
Some have also expressed concern that naming it Truman State will ruin the chances of attracting Japanese students because President Truman authorized the dropping of atomic bombs on Japan during World War II.

Hohertz said it might take months before there is a vote on the bill.

University President Dean Hubbard said the move could be a risky one for a university.

"It is very risky because you cut off a lot of alumni," Hubbard said. "I am not ashamed of our directional name because we have a special relationship with northwest Missouri and the state of Missouri. I have more important things to worry about than something like that."

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CALENDAR

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16 THURSDAY

7 p.m. Ambassadors Inc. Bible study in the Baptist Student Union.
7:30 p.m. Wynton Marsalis Septet in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

FEB
17 FRIDAY

7 p.m. Turkish Club meeting in the Northwest Room.
Bearcat Indoor Track at the NIAC Invitational.
Bearcat tennis USTA Collegiate.
Random Act of Kindness Day.

FEB
18 SATURDAY

9 a.m. "Jump for Heart" in the Bearcat Arena.
Bearcat basketball at Southwest Baptist University.

FEB
19 SUNDAY

10:30 a.m. Catholic Mass in the University Club North.
2 p.m. Sigma Society Bridal Show in the Charles Johnson Theater.
3 p.m. Wind Symphony in concert in the Mary Linn.
6 p.m. Sunday supper at the Wesley Center.
9 p.m. Rollerhockey Club meeting at Skate Country.

FEB
20 MONDAY

8:30 a.m. Faculty/staff appreciation day in the Bearcat Bookstore.
Last day to take a semester course as pass/fail in Registrar's office.
Mid-semester exams begin.

FEB
21 TUESDAY

5:30 p.m. Chi Alpha meeting in Regents Room.
7 p.m. ABC meeting in Stockman Room.

FEB
22 WEDNESDAY

7:30 p.m. Men's basketball vs. UMSL in the Bearcat Arena.
7:30 p.m. "No Exit" in the Mary Linn Studio.

WEEKLY AGENDA
Movie sparks interracial dating talksBy CODY WALKER
ASSISTANT EDITOR

The hot topic of inter-racial dating was given heavy discussion by members of the Alliance of Black Collegians at a Friday night gathering.

ABC members watched "Jungle Fever," a movie that explores the relationship between a black married man and a single Italian woman who find themselves in a delicate situation.

Leslie Doyle said the group wanted a movie that would spark interesting discussions during and afterward.

Luvessa Kweh said she believes people really need to understand themselves before they get involved in such relationships.

"I want them to know about themselves," Kweh said. "I want them to know where they came from, where they stand and what they want in life so they can learn from each other."

Sarah Uphoff said she thinks understanding is the most important aspect of interracial dating.

"If the people take the time and make a sincere effort to understand the culture of their partner, it is acceptable," Uphoff said. "As long as (people) respect one another and have the strength within (themselves) and the relationship, the obstacles become more easily conquered."

Clarence Williams said he does not find relationships with someone outside of his race any different.



ALEX GAZIO/Missourian Staff

MEMBERS OF ABC and other students watch the discussion began about interracial dating. The movie controversial "Jungle Fever" Friday. After the movie, night was part of Black History Month.

"It doesn't matter what color or race you are," Williams said. "Whatever you want to do is your prerogative, it doesn't matter what anyone else thinks."

Some black women disapprove of interracial relationships.

"I don't think it's right," Lonita Rowland said. "I think people should

stay in their own race. But if someone chooses to go out and have such a relationship — fine, but it's not for me. Most relationships have enough problems — if they are out of their race it just adds to them."

Liana Nelson said interracial relationships are all right if they are for the right reasons. Such reasons include a

sincere love and caring for the individual and not a desire to explore a different race.

"I respect people who are in relationships where they are in love with the person," Nelson said. "But I do not respect them if they are in it just for the skin color difference and curiosity."

Brides-to-be will explore latest styles

By KAREN GATES
MISSOURIAN STAFF

A bridal show sponsored by the Sigma Society will give everyone a chance to view the latest in wedding dresses, tuxedos, formal wear and wedding cakes without even going to a wedding.

The event, which will be Sunday in the Charles Johnson Theater, will begin with an exhibit at 1 p.m. and continue with the actual show at 2 p.m.

Businesses such as Cinderella Bridal in Omaha, Neb., Randalls in St. Joseph, Mo., and Maryville Florist donated items for the show.

Hundreds of dollars in tickets have been sold for the show, which serves as the fund-raising event for Sigma Society.

During the show, students will model the different types of dresses and tuxedoes.

"This show just gives ideas to students and people in the community and gives them a connection to different businesses," Danielle Pillow said. "We enjoy putting on the show because it is fun and people enjoy the show."

The group is pleased with the wider variety of business is getting involved with the show.

"We are reaching out to more businesses and pushing areas of St. Joe, Des Moines, and Omaha to become involved so people can have more of a variety," Amy Kralik, Sigma Society member, said.

Other members are also looking forward to the show.

"I think a lot of older people will also enjoy this show because this is such a good opportunity for different aspects to come together," Ann Rathje, Sigma Society member, said.

Tickets are \$2 in advance, \$2.50 at the door.

CAMPUS CRIME

Campus Judiciary reports

■ A male student was charged and found in violation of being in the presence of a controlled substance. He was placed on campus conduct probation but is still able to hold an office in University organizations through May 13.

■ A male student was charged with harassment and placed on strict campus conduct probation but is still able to receive financial aid through Dec. 31. He is restricted from the woman's residence hall during the probation period and must have no contact with the woman who filed the complaint.

■ A female student was charged and found in violation of disorderly conduct and theft or unauthorized use of University property. She was placed on campus conduct probation but is still able to hold an office

in University organizations through May 13.

■ A female student was charged with disorderly conduct and placed on hall probation through May 13.

■ A male student was charged with misusing the University computer system by sending a chain letter. He was placed on campus conduct probation but is still able to hold an office in University organizations through March 15. He is restricted from using E-mail and the computer phone through the probation period.

Campus Safety reports

■ Feb. 6 A male faculty member reported damage to the windshield of University vehicle No. 93.

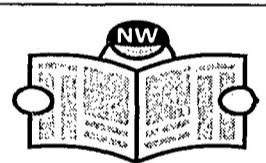
■ Feb. 6 A male student assaulted another male student in Lamkin Gym. The first male has been issued a state summons and summoned to the dean of students for third degree assault.

■ Feb. 6 A male student was reported sick with abdominal pains. Officers learned the male ate an entire box of prunes. The student refused medical treatment, but the hospital was notified.

■ Feb. 10 A female reported the theft of her coat from the east wall coatrack in Colbert Hall. The coat has been returned but the case is still under investigation.

■ Feb. 10 A male reported the theft of a silk tapestry from his room in Richardson Hall. The theft is still under investigation.

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Neighbors' opinions spark Alverno debate

By CHRIS TRIEB SCH
CHIEF REPORTER

Amid the talk of a possible prison at the former Mount Alverno convent, strong reactions on both sides have hit the idea like a blizzard.

Many in the community believe the prison would not be good for the area. Some believe a prison in Maryville would be fine, but would be better suited at a different location, and others are oppose the idea altogether.

The neighbors surrounding the convent are among those most concerned with the prison idea. A group of upset neighbors wrote a letter to the *Maryville Daily Forum* in response to the prison.

"I live a short distance from it, and I do not want to see a beautiful building like this one put into one," Alice Barnmann said. "I do not think we need the employment, and I do not know if it will help the economy as much as they say it will."

Barnmann and many other neighbors are also concerned about safety and fear that the prisoners could escape.

"We do have a quality of life here where people are not afraid," Martha Kinman said. "Many are concerned for their children, and some widow friends of mine said they would be afraid to live in the country."

Barnmann has lived near the convent for 28 years, but said if the prison does come, moving may not be out of the question. Other neighbors also said moving could be a possibility.

The proximity to the future Mozingo recreation area is also a concern to many in the community.

Carma Kinman said Mozingo took 28 years and a lot of taxpayer dollars to become reality, and she would not want to see a prison jeopardize the project.

Kinman acknowledged that more jobs may be created, but said an industry would create just as many jobs.

"I would rather see the jobs go toward an industry than a prison," Kinman said. "Industries also pay taxes and prisons do not."

However, proponents of the prison say it will help the community economically by creating 165 new jobs.

The state put a prison in Cameron, Mo., in 1987. Shellby Hendee, Cameron development director, was one of the backers of the prison. He said, without question, the prison has helped the community economically.

"I only have positive things to say," Hendee said. "They have provided employment and have been great neighbors."

Hendee said a small vocal group also opposed the prison there but the majority of people supported the idea. Hendee said among those supporters were the Chamber of Commerce and the schools.

Many of their fears echo the fears of Nodaway County residents.

Hendee said they were also concerned with escapees, drugs, a lower housing value and an influx of inmates' families moving into the area, but Hendee said none of that happened.

Phil Lammers, Cameron city manager, also said the town was better economically because of the prison.



SHELLEY BRANSTETTER VISITS with Howie during the Nodaway County Humane Society's visit. The society teamed up with the International Students Organization to raise money by selling lollipops for 50 cents. Dixie McGary is the "foster parent" to Howie.

CHRIS GALITZ/Missourian Staff

Honor society inducts first woman

By CHERA PRIDEAUX
MISSOURIAN STAFF



Jeanette Kimes became the first female member of Blue Key.

Almost 35 years after the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity began at Northwest, the organization initiated its first female member.

Jeanette Kimes became the first female member on Dec. 7.

Sponsor Pat McLaughlin, associate professor of accounting, believes there had been some misconceptions of the organization in the past.

"There was a perception by some that because we had no women, it was exclusive of women," McLaughlin said. "That is simply not true."

Kimes received an application that she did not know was one for Blue Key at the time. A few days later, Blue Key President P.J. Amys extended a bid.

"It was really neat," Kimes said. "It was an honor in itself to be asked to be in it, and I was really honored being the first girl."

McLaughlin said Blue Key is not

based on very specific requirements, other than a 3.0 grade point average and an active leadership position. Each member submits names and hands out applications. McLaughlin also mentioned that a number of women had come up in the past, but this was the first year one had been initiated.

"Jeanette is an outstanding young woman," McLaughlin said.

Kimes was a Homecoming Queen candidate this year, nominated by Blue Key. She is a past vice president of the Phi Mu sorority, a student ambassador, a member of the Order of Omega Honor Society and a member of several other honoraries.

Community debates prison issues

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University President Dean Hubbard discredited that idea, saying the state would not consider that site because it did not have land around it, and the structure, which is a former factory, does not include rooms that could be used to house inmates.

But Hubbard said a prison close to campus would not change the logic involved nor the University's stand on supporting the prison.

Charles Wray, a member of the group, said officials working to get the prison are not being totally honest with the Maryville citizens.

"For instance, when asked about how prisoners are released, they say the prisoners will be sent back home to their home community," Wray said.

"But, in fact, it is up to the prisoners. If he just wants out (rather than being taken away), they will let him out at the door," he said.

Wray said each member can only speak for his or herself because of the difference of opinions within the group.

Some oppose the prison altogether while others just oppose the location.

"My opinion is that Maryville should not have a prison," Wray said. "It is bad business for the community

and will not have good long-term economic benefits."

Herman Collins, supervisor for education and administration and neighbor of the convent, said he is opposed only to the location of the prison and not against it being in Maryville.

Collins also expressed concern for the Mozingo project, a recreational facility.

"The Mount is a symbol of Maryville and there is a lot of identity associated with it," Collins said.

"It is the location that is the problem and nobody is addressing its input on the newly formed Mozingo."

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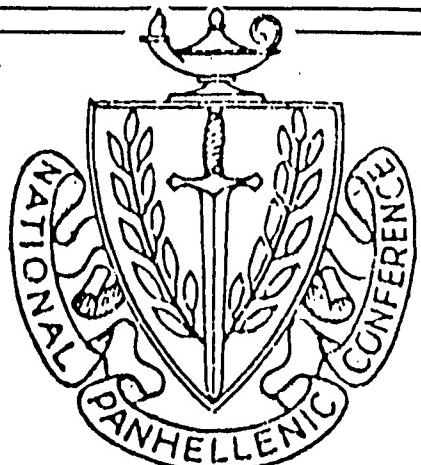
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present. The band sang in front of a Mary Linn audience Friday night. This is the first time the band has performed at the University.

WES CLARK/Missourian Staff

Elementary students 'Jump' for health

By SCOTT BROCK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Local elementary students will be jumping for health education at the third annual "Jump Rope for Heart."

The Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Association is sponsoring the fund-raising event from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

Coordinator Janet Reusser said an estimated 250 elementary students are expected to participate in the event that will raise money for the American Heart Association.

Among the activities planned for

this year's event are warm-ups for the jumpers led by Bobby Bearcat and rope jumping demonstrations by two teams from sororities and HPERD.

Students from Eugene Field, St. Gregory's and Horace Mann elementary schools will join students from Maryville Middle School to participate. Last year's event raised almost \$3,000.

Students have collected monetary pledges from local residents based on the amount of time they will spend jumping rope.

Coordinators are providing incentives such as a McDonald's pizza for every \$60 in pledges. McDonald's will

also pledge 10 cents on every order of french fries sold during the competition.

John VanCleave, physical education teacher at Eugene Field Elementary, said students will not only learn about cardiovascular care, but also the importance of exercise and improving their rope jumping skills.

VanCleave said the students will also get a chance to practice their people skills. They have had to interact with adults during the collection of the pledges and will practice teamwork in the jump rope activities.

The majority of the funds raised

Saturday will benefit the AHA's research and education programs.

Katy Broach, a local representative of the AHA, said its primary goal is to reduce disorders and deaths from heart disease and strokes.

"(This) is achieved mainly through its comprehensive education programs," Broach said.

She also said heart disease is the leading cause of death among people of all ages in America.

Five percent of the proceeds will go to the Missouri Athletics, Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Association's programs.

University to construct sign on U.S. 71 bypass

By AMY DUGGAN
MISSOURIAN STAFF

In order to attract visitors and improve relations between Maryville and the University, a proposal to build a sign at the U.S. Highway 71 bypass entrance on the south side of Maryville has been introduced.

The sign was originally introduced by former president Robert Foster and will say, "Home of Northwest Missouri State University — Home since 1905."

"I thought about (the sign) from the time they had started drawing the contracts for the new highway," Foster said.

While the process is still in the works, a discussion group has three main goals for the proposed project. Its plans would be to clean up the undeveloped land near the Kawasaki plant with an Adopt-a-Highway project, attempt to unify the University and the

city, and to promote recognition for the University itself.

A discussion group for the sign currently consists of Kent Porterfield, assistant dean of students, David Angerer, city manager, and Michael Vinson, associate member of Student Senate.

Because nothing has been made definite, construction plans, costs and dates of the finished project are currently up in the air.

"We are hoping that it can be a joint project with the city, the University and some other group," Porterfield said.

Student Senate passed a motion to try to adopt the area in front of Kawasaki for a place to build the sign and clean up the unfinished land.

Porterfield believes the sign will benefit the University and the city.

"I'm a real believer that if you can get people to the University, you can show them what we have to offer," Porterfield said.

Maryville earthquake comes without any prior warning

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"(Earthquakes here) are not common," Maxwell said. "They are very easy to miss."

Although the earthquake came without warning, Maxwell said that is the case with practically all earthquakes.

"Some can be predicted, but there has to be some knowledge of what has happened in the past, and the proper tools must be available," Maxwell said.

An example of an earthquake with a warning would be in places such as Hawaii, because it follows volcanic eruptions.

"Usually with medium-to-large earthquakes, one can predict them within weeks or months," Maxwell said.

After the quake, some may wonder

about the necessary safety precautions during an earthquake. However, Tom Dover, Campus Safety director, said that in the time he has been here, there has never been an earthquake drill.

"There probably could be a drill for any natural disaster," Dover said.

"(Whether or not to have an earthquake drill) is up to the community. If they feel it is needed, then we can facilitate it."

Dover said in the last several weeks Campus Safety has been updating emergency plans. However, it has never occurred to include anything about earthquakes.

"There is nothing really unique to an earthquake drill," Dover said. "You would simply do a lot of the same things in planning for any other natural disaster, such as delegation of people for certain tasks."

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SPORTS

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Men's Basketball

Wednesday, Feb. 15

Northwest 84, Pittsburg State 89

	FG	FT	RB	A	PE	IP
	MIN	M-A	MA	O-T	A	PE
Jones	38	7-13	69	0-0	0	3
Szalanda	16	1-6	0-0	0-3	0	2
Jolley	28	6-8	6-8	3-8	2	5
Smith	35	2-7	3-5	1-4	1	8
Simon	30	3-6	3-4	1-9	3	10
Blackman	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Fidler	15	2-5	2-2	3-3	2	4
Hoberg	10	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	1
Mauer	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Harms	4	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	3
Golden	22	1-3	0-0	0-4	2	3
TOTALS	200	28-60	23-32	8-31	10	32

Percentages: FG—.467, FT—.719, Three Point

Goals 3-13, .385 (Fidler 2-5, Smith 1-2, Simon 1-3, Golden 1-3) Team rebounds: 1 Blocked

shots: 5 (Jolley 3, Smith, Simon) Turnovers: 15 (Szalanda 3, Golden 3, Jones 2, Jolley, Simon 2, Smith 2, Hoberg) Steals: 11 (Simon 3, Jones 2, Szalanda 2, Golden 2, Smith, Fidler) Technical

fouls: Northwest: Golden-11:05 2nd Half, Northwest: Harms-9:31 2nd Half Attendance: 900

Men's Basketball Standings

(conference and overall records)

	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
# 1.Northeast	11-2	.846	15-7	.682
* 2.Mo. Western (9)	10-3	.769	20-3	.864
* Washburn	10-3	.769	17-6	.739
4.CMSU	8-5	.615	17-6	.739
Pittsburg State	8-5	.615	12-10	.545
6.UMSL	7-6	.538	13-10	.565
7.SBU	6-7	.462	15-8	.652
Northwest	6-7	.462	12-11	.522
9.Mo. Southern	5-8	.385	10-13	.435
10.Emporia State	4-9	.308	6-16	.273
11.Lincoln	2-11	.154	5-19	.208
12.UMR	1-12	.077	9-14	.391

() Rank in latest NCAA Division II Polls

*Clinched MIAA Postseason Tournament berth

Wednesday's MIAA results

Pittsburg State 89, Northwest 84

SBU 74, UMSL 73

Emporia State 81, CMSU 79

Northeast 91, Lincoln 85

Washburn 82, UMR 67

Mo. Western 83, Mo. Southern 67

Women's Basketball

Wednesday, Feb. 15

Northwest 58, Pittsburg State 85

	FG	FT	RB	A	PE	IP
	MIN	M-A	MA	O-T	A	PE
Rasmussen	22	34	0-0	3-4	0	6
Feikert	22	2-11	2-2	3-5	2	4
Ickes	29	2-9	0-0	0-2	3	2
Cummings	24	4-7	0-0	0-1	4	8
Krohn	25	4-14	0-0	0-4	1	10
Laudon	16	1-3	0-0	1-2	2	3
Kenyon	7	1-1	1-3	0-2	0	3
McCown	5	1-2	0-0	1-2	0	2
Coy	18	3-6	6-8	2-4	0	12
Henry	12	0-6	0-0	2-3	0	0
Oertel	14	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	2
Jorgenson	6	1-2	0-0	0-1	2	0
TOTALS	200	23-69	9-13	15-28	9	58

Percentages: FG—.333, FT—.692, Three Point

Goals 3-21, .314 (Krohn 2-10, Laudon 1-3,

Feikert 0-4, Oertel 0-3, Jorgenson 0-1) Team

rebounds: 4 Blocked shots: None Turnovers:

18 (Cummings 6, Feikert 4, Laudon 3, Ickes 2,

Oertel 2, Rasmussen) Steals: 12 (Cummings 3,

Laudon 3, Feikert 2, Ickes 2, Krohn, Coy)

Technical foul: None Attendance: 900

Junior forward Eddie Jones and

Women's Basketball Standings

(conference and overall records)

	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
* 1.Mo. Western (4)	12-1	.923	21-2	.913
* 2.Mo. Southern (13)	11-2	.846	17-6	.739
* 3.Washburn (18)	10-3	.769	18-5	.783
* 4.Pittsburg State	9-4	.691	19-4	.650
* SBU	9-4	.692	17-5	.773
6.UMR	7-6	.533	13-10	.565
7.CMSU	6-7	.463	15-8	.652
8.Emporia State	4-9	.308	10-12	.455
Northeast	4-9	.308	7-15	.318
10.Northwest	3-10	.231	10-13	.435
11.UMSL	2-11	.154	7-16	.304
12.Lincoln	4-12	.077	6-16	.273

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Wednesday's MIAA results

Pittsburg State 85, Northwest 58

Mo. Western 83, Mo. Southern 73

CMSU 59, Emporia State 57

Washburn 76, UMR 72

Lincoln 76, Northeast 64

SBU 86, UMSL 80

PLAYER WATCH

Scott Fidler

Class:	
Senior	
Hometown:	
Raytown, Mo.	
Previous School:	
Penn Valley Comm. Coll.	
Major:	
Finance	
Career highlights:	In high school, played for the 31-state champion Raytown South squad that was ranked fourth nationally in USA Today At Northwest, played in all 28 games last season, starting six, averaging 10 points and four rebounds per game This season's stats: Third on the team in scoring averaging 11.7 points per game while starting in only two games Leads team in steals with 1.6 per game Higest team-leading free throw percentage of .868 currently ranks him second in the MIAA



Big Eight Basketball

(conference and overall records)

	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
1.Kansas (3)	8-2	.800	19-3	.864
2.Missouri (11)	7-2	.778	18-3	.857
3.Oklahoma St. (20)	7-2	.778	17-7	.708
4.Oklahoma	5-4	.556	18-6	.750
5.Iowa State (23)	4-6	.400	18-7	.720
6.Nebraska	3-6	.333	16-8	.667
7.Colorado	2-8	.200	11-10	.524
8.Kansas State	2-8	.200	11-11	.500

Tuesday's results

Kansas 91, Nebraska 68

Wednesday's results

Oklahoma State 71, Iowa State 69

Oklahoma 82, Colorado 76

Pitt State adds to 'Cats' road woes

Harms' technical foul erases Northwest lead; road record falls to 0-7

By NATE OLSON
CHIEF REPORTER

College coaches have nightmares about playing on the road, but this year men's head coach Steve Tappmeyer has had to live through a nightmarish conference road schedule that has seen his club go winless on the road in MIAA games.

The road-weary 'Cats lost their seventh-straight conference road game Wednesday, 89-84, to Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kan.

Northwest will battle Southwest Baptist University at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Bolivar, Mo.

Wednesday night's game at Pitt State continued the trend of Northwest road games this season as the 'Cats maintained a lead for most of the second half only to see it crumble before their eyes.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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Thursday, February 16, 1995

Golden boy Newman charms in 'Fool'

'Nobody's Fool'

★★★ (out of four)

Stars: Paul Newman, Jessica Tandy, Bruce Willis, Melanie Griffith
Rating: R
Reviewer: Mike Johnson

Paul Newman is "Nobody's Fool" in the charming comedy that marks a return to form for the man that created such memorable characters as Hud and the Sundance Kid.

Newman plays a small-town loser with a bum knee who abandoned his family years before. He resides in the home of a rich lady, played by the late, great Jessica Tandy, who refuses to give up on him.

Newman infuses his small-town loser with the charm and wit he hasn't shown since his Oscar-winning turn in "The Color of Money." His blue eyes twinkle with a brightness and youth that makes it seem almost impossible that he is actually 70 years old.

Tandy is good as usual, but Newman also gets solid support from Bruce Willis and Melanie Griffith, two actors whose careers have lagged lately. Ever heard of "North" or "Milk Money"?

Willis turns off the smarm and turns on the charm as Newman's boss who cheats on his pregnant wife. This may be his most unselfconscious performance to date.

Griffith is subtly effective as Willis's wife, showing proof that this "working girl" deserves better scripts.

Robert Benton, who directed the terrific Robert Duvall drama, "Tender Mercies" gives "Nobody's Fool" the same gentle small-town feel.



Universal Pictures

ACADEMY AWARD-NOMINATED Paul Newman stars upstairs from his eighth-grade teacher, played by Jessica Tandy, in Robert Benton's "Nobody's Fool."

The movie's style falls a little flat in its subplot involving Newman and his son, played charmlessly by Dylan Walsh. Even this cumbersome plotline can't sink the movie, thanks mainly to Newman's seemingly effortless style of making the mush into mud pie.

"Nobody's Fool" may not be about a dumb man put in extraordinary situations or a guy on a speeding bus. It's just about a nobody who, because of a somebody named Newman, becomes a nobody worth remembering.

'Pulp Fiction'

★★★★ (out of four)

Stars: John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson, Uma Thurman, Bruce Willis
Director: Quentin Tarantino
Rating: R
Reviewer: Mike Johnson

Bruce Willis turned in another fine performance in the multi-Oscar nominated "Pulp Fiction," still playing in theaters everywhere.

Quentin Tarantino's masterpiece of

sight and sound was released to unanimous applause by critics and audiences alike, yet its appeal is simple.

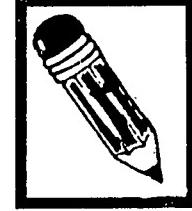
The movie boasts terrific writing directed with simplicity. It lacks pretensions, concentrating instead on giving the audience a good time.

It also features a talented cast. In fact, everything from costume design to the soundtrack is par excellence.

"Pulp Fiction" may give Oscar favorite "Forrest Gump" a run for its money March 27.

THE STROLLER

Your Man chops pep band for gesture



Yours Truly may like the music, but could do without the lewd fingers

Our Campus Crusader has recently witnessed a very disheartening event and wants to vocalize his discontent. It happened at the men's basketball game on Saturday afternoon, and because I believe part of my job description is to set the record straight, I'm taking this opportunity to address the issue of the Bearcat Chop.

It seems that my fellow writer, and favorite men's sports editor, took the blunt of punishment from certain members of the Northwest pep band because of his comments in his sports column last week.

To recap very briefly, his column concerned, among other things, the irrelevance of the "Bearcat Chop."

It seemed as though the Northwest pep band was in a little disagreement with my colleague at Saturday's game.

For those of you out there who were unfortunate enough (or as viewer discretion may have it, fortunate enough) to miss this blatant show of aggravation, let me paint the picture Your Man witnessed.

As the pep band started to play this controversial tune, certain members turned to this editor, who was sitting in the press box, pointed and showed their true I.Q. with their middle finger.

For the information of those readers who have been living under a rock for the last 20 years, this is not a good gesture.

This idle form of disapproval, in Your Man's opinion, is childish and moronic. It also has no place at a school event.

However, because I'm a fair person, I will say

a kind word on behalf of the musically talented, but nonverbally instrumental group.

Congratulations to the pep band for doing a really excellent job with the tunes they play at games, which add to the excitement of a Bearcat game.

However, Your Man on the scene must agree whole-heartedly with the column that appeared on the sports page of the *Missourian* last week.

Now, I'm quite unclear as to what relevance the chop actually has pertaining to a Bearcat.

If it was a bite or scratch, then it would make sense.

If some member of the pep band would care to take the time to explain it to me, I'd be more than happy to listen.

Leave the finger at home. Your Man doesn't like attitude, especially a vulgar one that lacks imagination.

Your Hero has always associated this chop with teams pertaining to the Native American heritage, not a fictional ferocious animal, if indeed we can call a Bearcat that.

Does anyone really know what the heck is a Bearcat anyway? Should Your Man really be proud to be called one?

Next time, I see a Bearcat chopping anything, I'll quit whatever drug I happen to be doing and look again.

I'm opening the doors of enlightenment. I know as a heroic figure a predicate most often assigned is omniscience.

But, I admit, this time I'm completely stumped. *The Stroller has been a tradition at Northwest since 1918.*

However, because I'm a fair person, I will say

that I did it wrong. There wasn't a pop!

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WEEKEND PLANNER

MOVIES

Maryville

Missouri Twin
"The Quick and the Dead,"
"Little Women";

St. Joseph

Hillcrest 4 (279-7463)
"In the Mouth of Madness,"
"The Quick and the Dead,"
"House Guest," "Billy Madison,"

Plaza 8 (279-2299)

"Legends of the Fall,"
"Dumb and Dumber,"
"Nobody's Fool," "Disclosure,"
"The Brady Bunch Movie,"

Plaza Theatre (474-6552)

"To Be Young, Gifted and Black,"
Lorraine Hansberry
Feb. 16-24

New Theatre (649-0103)

"Groucho,"

Dickenson Trail Theater (232-6256)

"Far From Home"

Comedy Clubs

Kansas City

American Heartland Theatre (842-9999)

"Always ... Patsy Cline"

Feb. 16-Mar. 5

Plaza Playhouse (561-7529)

"Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding"

Feb. 16-19

Coterie Theatre (474-6552)

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The Meeting

Feb. 17-18

Concerts

Kansas City

American Musical Theatre (221-6000)

"Backstage with Dinah Washington"

Feb. 16-Mar. 5

Liberty Hall (749-1972)

"Bush,"

Feb. 16

Lyric Theatre (471-0400)

Joseph Silverstein

conductor and violin

Feb. 17-18

TV Shows

NBC

"Soap Opera Digest Awards"

Friday, 8 p.m.

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Mystery Capers Dinner Playhouse (454-3340)

"I'm Okay, You're Dead"

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Kansas City

American Musical Theatre (221-6000)

"Backstage with Dinah Washington"

Feb. 16-Mar. 5

Lighten Up Improvisation Company (474-4386)

"Play It By Ear"

Feb. 17-18, 7:30 p.m.

Outside the Lines

Feb. 18, 10 p.m.

Stanford's Comedy House (756-1450)

Dwight Slade

Feb. 16, 8 p.m.

Keith Barany

Feb. 16, 10 p.m.

OSCAR NOMINATIONS

The Oscar winners will be announced March 27.